

Adult Education

The Key to Discovery

“We don’t know who we are until we see what we can do.”

—Martha Grimes

Saundra Troop is on a journey of self-discovery.

Until recently, she would have described herself as a mother, a restaurant manager – and a high school dropout. But not anymore.

Today, she is a GED graduate with ambitious plans for the future. In fact, it was those plans that brought her back to school.

Originally, Saundra had opted for a family over her high school education. While her friends were graduating from high school, she was learning what it meant to be a wife and mother. To help support her family, she worked as a shift manager at a local restaurant.

Saundra’s life journey switched course when she decided to pursue her dream of becoming a firefighter. Her first obstacle was the high school diploma; she had to have it to enroll in the firefighting training class. Saundra was always strong in reading, but she knew she was weak in math. Before tackling the GED, she enrolled in adult education classes in Danville to brush up on her academic skills. After preparing herself, Saundra went after that first big milestone by earning her Arkansas High School Diploma through the Russellville Adult Education Center’s GED program.

Getting a high school diploma was only the first step. This young mother is now looking forward to taking emergency medical service classes and training to become a firefighter. Along the way, she has learned that every career worth pursuing requires education.

For Saundra, education has been the key to her dreams and to living up to her full potential.

